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SUBJECT: INDICATIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE HOSTILITY TOWARDS
THAILAND

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT A FRENCH NATIONAL WHO RECENTLY LEFT SAIGON HAS COMMENTED ON INDICATIONS HE HAD SEEN OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST INTENTIONS TOWARD THAILAND. FRENCH CITIZEN HAD BEEN EDUCATED IN HANOI AND WAS LONG RESIDENT IN SAIGON. THE FRENCHMAN SAID THAT IN JANUARY, 1976, HE HAD SEEN ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS IN SAIGON POSTERS CALLING ON THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO "LIBERATE THEIR THAI FRIENDS" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

2. THE FRENCHMAN ALSO CITED CONVERSATIONS WITH FORMER ARVN OFFICERS WHO TOLD HIM THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY PRG AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WILL BE CALLED ON TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR LOYALTY TO THE NEW REGIME WHEN THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE "LIBERATION OF THAILAND".

3. COMMENT: AMERICAN NEWSMEN WHO TALKED WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN SAIGON AFTER THE CITY'S FALL HAVE
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REPORTED REMARKS SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED ABOVE. THIS

IS THE FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, THAT WRITTEN PUBLIC DISPLAY
OF ANTI-THAI SENTIMENT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SEEN
IN SAIGON. IF TRUE, IT BODES ILL FOR THAILAND'S DESIRE
FOR HARMONY WITH ITS INDOCHINA NEIGHBORS.
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